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In re Application of:)
John H. Bridges, III, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 10/684,635) Examiner: James J. Leybourne
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For: ANTHRAX REMEDIATION AND) Confirmation No.: 3706
RESPONSE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to April 18, 2006 by a petition for three months extension of time. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 25-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rupp, U.S. Patent 5,261,460 in view of Stewart et al., U.S. Patent publication 2003/0037812.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 25-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). As admitted by the Examiner, the cited references, even if combined as suggested by the Examiner, fail to present a *prima facie* case of obviousness. "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all of the claim limitations